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REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-16 are pending.

Independent claims 1 and 5 have been amended to more clearly and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as their invention. Support for the amendment is provided, for example on page 10, lines 29-32, and page 11, lines 2-26. Claims 12- 16 have been added to more fully claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as their invention. Support for the new claims is provided, for example, on page 6, lines 30-33, page 7, lines 3-4, page 11, lines 4-5, and page 11, lines 20-25. No new matter is believed to be added by the amendment.

Responsive to the Examiner's comments regarding the limitation "wherein the second decryption key is not used for decrypting the first data set," Applicants have deleted the subject phrase from the claims in order to move the prosecution of the case forward.

Responsive to the Examiner's comments regarding the potential interpretation that either of the keys may be seen as either of the data sets, the claims have been amended to recite "first data set being audio-visual presentation data ... second data set being audio-visual supplementary data relating to the first data set." Thus, it is clear that the first and second data set cannot correspond to either of the keys as envisioned by the examiner.

Claim 1, for example, has been amended to recite "... second data set is not stored on the removable prerecorded storage medium but on a second data source and is related to the first data set, the second data source having a first data block that is public, a second data block that is specific to a specified group of removable storage media and a third data block that is specific to the removable prerecorded storage medium ... retrieving the second data set from the second data block of the second data source; decrypting the first data set using a first of said decryption keys; and decrypting the second data set using a second of said decryption keys that are different from the first of said decryption keys. (emphasis added)"

That is, the newly added limitations further define the structure of the second data source, for example, a local hard disk in greater detail. The structure of the second data source, and the contents stored therein, are described, for example, on page 11, lines 1-26.

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According to the amended claim, the second data source has a first data block that is public, a second data block that is specific to a specified group of removable storage media, and a third data block that is specific to the prerecorded removable storage medium. The second data block may be used to store data, for example, that is specific to discs from a particular provider or studio. The second data set is retrieved from the second data block, which is not disc specific but also not publically open. Applicants respectfully submit that none of cited references disclose or suggest the recited second data block, retrieving second data set from the second data block and decrypting the second data set using a second set of keys different from a first set of keys as recited in the claim. Claim 5 has been amended to recite features similar to those above in apparatus form. Therefore, applicants submit that the amended claims are patentably distinguishable over any combination of the cited references.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to Applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,

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